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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court Of Common Pleas

SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Daniel Coble, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2026-001516
Case No. 2025-CP-40-07916

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SC Court of Appeals

Eric William Ruschky.....Plaintiff/Appellant,

v.

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and Catawba Presbytery of the General Synod of the
Associate Presbyterian Church Defendants,

of whom

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia is Respondent.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENT'S INITIAL BRIEF
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Pursuant to Rules 240 and 263(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Respondent The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia (hereinafter "Respondent") respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension to file its initial brief and designation of matter. This is Respondent's first request for an extension of this deadline. Respondent respectfully requests this extension on the grounds that its counsel's time for the past several weeks has been devoted to matters in the Circuit Court in which injunctive relief has been sought on an emergent basis. As a result, additional time is needed for Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter.

The current deadline for Respondent to file its initial brief and designation of matter is November 4, 2026. Should this Court grant the instant request for a thirty (30) day extension,

Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter would be due on December 4, 2026. Counsel for Respondent has consulted with counsel for Appellant, Louis Lang, Esq., who does not oppose the instant Motion. Respondent requests that the current deadline of November 4, 2026 be held in abeyance pending the Court's consideration and resolution of this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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